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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7898**
Norikazu SUGAYA : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0044A
Serial No. 10/526,742 : Group Art Unit 1746
Filed March 7, 2005 : Examiner Zeinab E. El-Arini

METHOD FOR PRECLUDING ELUTION :
OF LEAD AND NICKEL FROM COPPER
ALLOY PLUMBING HARDWARE, SUCH
AS VALVES AND TUBE COUPLINGS, THE
COPPER ALLOY PLUMBING HARDWARE,
AND LIQUID FOR RINSING
THE PLUMBING HARDWARE

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EXAMINING GROUP 1746

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 24, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: